

DON'T judge your friend these Yuletide days by the bright cravat he wears.

The Topeka Journal

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HOME EDITION

TOPEKA, KANSAS, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 28, 1915—TEN PAGES

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MORE BIG OFFICES TO THIS CITY

Rock Island General Office Shift Helps Topeka.

Combine Second and Third District Headquarters Here.

T. H. BEACON, GEN'L MANAGER

G. W. Rourke, Assistant General Manager, Is the Report.

Accounting Offices, Also, Will Be Sent to Topeka.

The consolidation of the second and third operating districts of the Rock Island Lines, with Topeka as headquarters, is the plan which is being carried out by the Chicago office. This plan is being carried out by the Chicago office. This plan is being carried out by the Chicago office.

More Office Men Here. With Beacon as general manager in Topeka, a large addition to the office force is expected from the Oklahoma city. A second assistant general manager, it is reported, will be appointed to take charge of the territory which has just been assigned to Topeka.

Another idea which is being formulated in Chicago and which will be of lasting importance to Topeka is to bring all the division accounting offices to Topeka. This will not come until after the general manager is settled.

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It is believed that the announcement of the consolidation will come at any moment. A. E. Sweet, the present general manager, leaves in a few days for Denver to again work under H. J. Mudge, this time as vice president and general manager of the Denver & Rio Grande.

SURVIVORS LAND

Reach Malta 208 Strong From Fated Steamer; 80 Lives Lost.

Confirm Report, French Liner Torpedoed Without Warning.

London, Dec. 28.—The number of survivors from the French steamship, Ville de La Ciotat, whose sinking in the Mediterranean by a submarine was announced yesterday, is given in a Reuter dispatch from Malta as 208. The dispatch confirms previous reports that 80 persons lost their lives. The steamer was off the island of Crete when sunk.

Survivors landed at Malta corroborate the statement that the Ville de La Ciotat was torpedoed without warning.

Why Liner Was Torpedoed. Paris, Dec. 28.—The French liner Ville de La Ciotat was torpedoed in the Mediterranean because the Germans believed it was carrying French troops, according to a dispatch from the French chief of staff, was aboard, according to Marseilles reports.

DICTIONARY THE BEST FRIEND OF ANGLI-FRENCH

Berlin, Dec. 28.—English short-comings in the matter of linguistic ability are the cause of the greatest difficulty in the diplomatic business, according to the English ambassador in Paris, Sir Edward Grey. He said that the English ambassador in Paris, Sir Edward Grey, is much too proud to learn any other language than his own. So in all the diplomatic business between Paris and London the English ambassador plays the leading role.

Mad Coyotes Spread Rabies Over Nevada

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 28.—An urgent appeal for assistance to check rabies caused by mad coyotes among human beings and livestock in eastern Nevada was received by Governor Sperry, Utah, today from Dr. W. B. Mack, quarantine inspector of Nevada. Dr. Mack said in his message that thirty-three persons have already been infected and already have received the Pasteur treatment and that losses among livestock have been great. He said extermination of the coyotes and muzzling of dogs is the only remedy and that the problem is too big for Nevada to handle.

The government has 25 traps at work but more help is urgently needed.

EXONERATES SELF

Boy-Ed Sees No Breach of Rights in His Actions.

Says Dewey at Manila Got Supplies From Neutrals.

POLICE AID HIM TO SHIP

Likes America, but Scores "Irresponsible Press."

U. S. Sends Munitions to Enemy; I Took Food.

New York, Dec. 28.—Captain Karl Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attaché, Col. Edward M. House, President Wilson's special emissary, and Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, boarded the steamship Rotterdam within a few minutes of each other today to sail for Europe.

Today the executive officials of the Rock Island are discussing this move in Chicago. Unless they change the plans they made a few days ago, word of which has just reached Topeka, the consolidated plan will go into effect within a few weeks.

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CON TO KANSAS

Claim Bills Introduced in House of Representatives.

One Dates From Civil War; Indian Shot a Man.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Congressman Phil B. Campbell has introduced three claims bills in the house aggregating an expenditure of \$74,139. One measure directs the secretary of the treasury to pay to Charles W. Munn of Montgomery county, Kan., the sum of \$4,000 in full compensation for the loss of his property during the Civil War. Another measure directs the postmaster general to cause the accounts of C. E. Moore, late postmaster at Cherryvale, Kan., to be credited with the sum of \$130 and that the same be certified to the auditor of the treasury for the postoffice department, being an account of loss of \$130 in postal funds lost by failure of the Cherryvale National bank. It appears that the loss was without negligence or neglect of Postmaster Moore.

Mr. Campbell's third bill authorizes and directs the secretary of the treasury to pay to the legal representatives of John D. Sheridan, deceased, \$60,000, and to the legal representatives of E. V. Hallman the sum of \$734.45, in full compensation for injuries received by being shot by an Indian while in the act of saving property that had been set afire by the Indian at the Walker River school at Schurz, Nevada, in 1914.

Gibbons-Ahern Roke January 18, St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Young Ahern of Brooklyn and Mike Gibbons of St. Paul will meet for their postponed tenth round Tuesday night, January 18, according to an announcement made today. Gibbons, who was ill with pneumonia, resumed training yesterday.

FORD CRUSADER SAYS NATIONS DEMAND PEACE

Negotiations Underway, Says Secretary of Party.

Swedes Herald Good News With Loud Applause.

READY TO ASTONISH WORLD

Secret Tip Was Real Incentive for "Fliver" Expedition.

Enthusiastic Public Meeting Held in Stockholm.

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The public meeting held last night under the auspices of the Ford Peace expedition is characterized here as the most enthusiastic demonstration for peace that Europe has seen since the war began. Nearly a thousand citizens of Stockholm attended. Every mention of an early end to the war provoked prolonged applause.

When Louis Lochner, secretary of the expedition, announced that the executive committee had secret information that certain ones of the belligerent nations were willing to negotiate for peace the meeting became tumultuous. "It would astonish the world," said Mr. Lochner, "if we made known at this time what influences are at work for peace. This information has been (Continued on Page 2)

SEIZE U. S. MAIL

British Government Confiscates Mail From Two Steamers.

Dutch and Norwegian Liners Held Up on Neutral Trips.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Seizure by the British government of American mail from two steamships on their way to Holland is reported in a Rotterdam dispatch given out today by the Overseas News agency. According to the new agency dispatch the vessels from which mail was taken are the Dutch steamship Nieuw-Amsterdam, from New York December 14, and the Norwegian steamship Christian Michelsen from New York December 3, for Rotterdam.

Also Took Holland Mail. Advice from Amsterdam, the news agency also states, are that British authorities took from the steamship Tubantia, a Dutch vessel sailing between Amsterdam and South American ports, all the South American mail for Holland she had on board.

Steamer "U. S." Also Held Up. New York, Dec. 28.—The steamer United States, which arrived today from Scandinavian ports reported that on December 13 she was stopped east of the Shetland Islands by a British cruiser and taken to Greenock for examination there. The British seized 1,861 small parcels and 930 parcels post packages. The steamer was released on December 20.

U. S. Files Protest. The foregoing does not make it clear whether the mail seized included any first class matter or as is more probable consisted of parcels post shipments. On December 20 the United States addressed a protest to Great Britain on the subject of British interference with Swedish-American mail. The British government has taken the stand that parcels post matter is not subject to seizure. The protest from the protection given first class matter under the international postal convention. Washington is understood to have concurred in this view.

Seeking Mail to Germany. Washington, Dec. 28.—The allies it is claimed here intend to seize and examine all mail passing between the United States and the European neutrals which there is reason to believe is intended for Germany. Heretofore, the seizures of that sort have been confined to parcels post, but now it is said the allies are going to extend the search to first class postal matter.

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Furthermore, the action is based on an article in The Hague convention which provides that immunity of seizure of mail shall not apply "to correspondence destined for or proceeding from a blockaded port."

New York, Dec. 28.—Because they were held five days at Greenock, the 300 American citizens aboard the U. S. ship were today protesting against the action of the British government and will forward it to Secretary of State Lansing. They point out that, in being detained at Greenock, the ship was exposed to mine fields. Captain Gotche of the U. S. protested when the parcels were removed without result. During the ship's detention at Greenock an armed guard was maintained about the ship but the passengers were in no way molested. Not even their passports were inspected.

Christian Secretaries Meet. St. Louis, Dec. 28.—National secretaries of the Disciples of Christ (Christian church) met today to plan for the national convention of the church to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, next October. Last night A. M. McLean was elected chairman of the executive committee of the church; Grant Lewis, treasurer, and R. H. Miller and A. E. Cory, secretaries. All four live in Cincinnati.

President Is 59 Years Old

President Wilson celebrated his fifty-ninth birthday today quietly with his bride. The only indication that the executive has passed another milestone was the scores of telegrams from his friends in all parts of the world.

In health and spirit the president is many years younger than 59. His hair is quite gray, but he stands erect, 5 feet 11 inches in his stockinged feet. Recently he tipped the scales at 171 pounds.

He walks a great deal and plays lots of golf.

Woodrow Wilson was born at Staunton, Va., December 28, 1856. His father was the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, a distinguished scholar and clergyman of the south, and his mother, Jessie Woodrow Wilson. His ancestry on both sides is Scotch-Irish.

KILL 54 KANSANS

"Safety First" Missed by Many Employees in State.

More Than 3,000 Men and Women Injured in Year.

STATE LABOR REPORT OUT

First Official Statement Issued by Paul McBride.

Horses and Mules (Maud) Claimed 13 Jayhawkers.

Reports compiled today by the state labor department shows 2,832 men and women were injured while in the discharge of their duties in the last year. A total of 54 Kansas men were killed while in the service of their employers.

The report by Paul McBride, state labor commissioner, is from every section of the state and covers as nearly as possible every accident to employees during the year. In a number of instances, however, the department was unable to secure reports of accidents and A. A. Knapp, who compiled the statistics, believes that the total number of employees injured while at their work will exceed 3,000.

Fifty-four were killed. From the statistics gathered by the state labor department, 54 men were killed while engaged in their various occupations. Four total disabilities were reported, 1,529 employees lost less than two weeks time as a result of their injuries. In exactly 1,200 cases, employees were disabled for periods of more than two weeks.

The records show injury to 63 railroad employees who fell from trains, 16 employees were injured by trains and either injured or killed. No railroad employees were reported killed in wrecks in Kansas. Falling cages and elevators caused four accidents, killing employees, while falling ore or coal in mines injured 131 persons. Mine gas was responsible for the injury or death of 41 persons, while mine explosions injured or killed ten people. Horses and mules injured 12 employees during the year.

GOLDEST OF SEASON

The Temperature Dropped to Three Degrees at 7:30 This Morning.

Last night was the coldest since January 1. The mercury dropped to 3 degrees at 7:30 o'clock this morning after an all night steady decline. The temperature at 7:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the reading was 18 degrees. The forecast indicates warmer weather tonight followed Wednesday by a storm. It reads: "Fair and warmer tonight; Wednesday unsettled with rain or snow, and colder in the west and north of the state."

A temperature of about 15 to 20 degrees is expected at Topeka tonight. The forecast for the next few days is as follows: North and west 15; east and south, 20 degrees.

Beginning about 3 o'clock the temperature dropped slowly and at 7 o'clock last night the reading was 16 degrees. The drop, recorded by hourly readings, is as follows: 7 o'clock, 16; 15, 15; 14, 12; 13, 10; 9, 8; 7, 7; 6, 4; and at 7:30 o'clock a further drop of 1 degree was recorded. The highest temperature on record for this date was 66 degrees in 1889. The low mark was recorded in 1887 when the mercury dropped to 3 below zero. The Kaw river dropped to 5.5 feet last night.

Six Degrees at Concordia. Concordia, Kan., Dec. 28.—The coldest night of the year was experienced here last night when the mercury went to 6 degrees above zero. At 9 o'clock morning the temperature was only 8 degrees.

The mercury climbed rapidly today, reaching 22 degrees at 1 o'clock. The average temperature, however, was 14 degrees below normal. Kansas was the coldest place in the country last night with one exception. A slightly lower temperature was recorded in Iowa. Montana showed temperatures 18 degrees higher than Kansas. The wind is blowing at the rate of eight miles an hour from the south.

Temperature readings: 7 o'clock - 12 o'clock - 18 8 o'clock - 15 o'clock - 18 9 o'clock - 17 1 o'clock - 19 10 o'clock - 22 2 o'clock - 22

HIGH LIGHTS IN EUROPE'S WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

President Wilson declared England would have to pay heavy indemnity for seizing American ships.

Russia claimed and Berlin admitted the rout of 175,000 Austrians in the Carpathians.

The allies claimed some gains in the west.

CLAMOR DID NOT ACT IN BAD FAITH WITH GIRLS

School Board Officials to Go on Witness Stand.

Another Act of Sorority Squabble Produced in Court.

"GIRLS ALL LIKED STOUT"

Witnesses Didn't Agree With Sentiment of "V. S." Club.

Pretty Lassies Make Good Showing for Their Cause.

Witnesses for the defense, to support contention that high school officials and the school board did not act in bad faith when they suspended the fourteen alleged "sorority" girls December 6, will be placed on the stand late this afternoon or early in the morning. The girls' district court. When the curtain went up this afternoon on the legal fight for temporary reinstatement pending the hearing for temporary injunction the plaintiffs were still testifying.

Several witnesses for the girls, including a number of the girls themselves, were placed on the stand this morning by Ed McKeever, their attorney. The same story without any variation as to the social affiliations of the girls was told by the witnesses. Shortly before noon, Ed McKeever stepped to the witness' railing and addressed the court. McKeever told the judges that he could, if required put a dozen or more other witnesses on the stand to corroborate the story already told by the girls. He told the court that he did not bring up an argument that it would simply be over-accumulating evidence providing attorneys for the board did not bring up an argument that he was afraid to put "so and so" on the stand when they addressed the court for the final of the hearing. He was told by the court that he would be permitted to conduct his case as he thought best.

Wrangle of Attorneys. Following the statement of the court another squabble was started between attorneys as to whether or not the school board had ever summoned the girls to court.

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WAR LOAN FAILS?

Berlin Declares French Did Not Respond Readily.

Subscribed Less Than One-Sixth What Germans Did.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Characterizing the French war loan as a failure, Berlin newspapers say the probable result will be the French republic in future will be unable to raise money to pay its debts. The French government will be obliged either to issue a new loan, notwithstanding unfavorable conditions, or to borrow from the Bank of France. The Nord-Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says the amount actually subscribed, considering the issue price, was equivalent to 10,600 million marks, or about one-sixth of the 60,000,000 marks subscribed to the German war loans. The amount paid in cash, it says, is less than one-sixth of the cash subscribed to German war loans.

Russia Seeks Loan. Stockholm, Dec. 28.—Confirmation has been received here that Russia will negotiate a loan to the United States for \$60,000,000 for the purpose of paying for supplies ordered in that country. The loan is being arranged by Olof Aschberg, a Stockholm banker, with the Guarantee Trust company of New York. The agreement has not yet been perfected. M. Aschberg is now in Petrograd.

French Gold to Serbia. Berlin, Dec. 28.—The Overseas News agency says: "The Vienna Reichspost reports that during the whole war Serbia received 100,000,000 francs in gold from France. These payments included subsidies for Montenegro."

Each time the money arrived in Serbia the Montenegrin minister was compelled to appeal to the Russian minister to obtain the funds for his government. They paid in paper, whereas Montenegro was compelled to pay gold for goods purchased in Serbia.

Payments on German Loan. Berlin, Dec. 28.—Cash payments on the first German war loan reached 11,111,860,000 marks on December 23, this being 91.4 per cent of the total subscription. The Overseas News agency announced today. This despite the fact that only 75 per cent of the total is so far due.

JOHNSON IN CLEVELAND

A. L. President Says Somers' Affairs Will Soon Be Untangled.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.—President Johnson of the American League, arrived here today from Chicago, one day in advance of the American League managers' meeting which is set for tomorrow. Johnson immediately went into conference with C. W. Somers, owner of the Cleveland team, and the bankers' committee which is handling Somers' affairs, and discussed the situation in this city.

Johnson announced that the Cleveland team would either be sold in three days or arrangements would be made whereby other clubs would give necessary financial assistance and he would retain ownership.

The presence here today of Jacob Ruppert, of New York, part owner of the American League club there, gave impetus to a rumor that he would take an interest in the local club, but this could not be confirmed.

FRENCH OPEN NEW ATTACK ON GERMANS

Offensive Movement Started Near Hirsztstein.

Artillery Booming Along Whole Front in the Vosges.

BALKAN CAMPAIGN HALTS

Will Not Tackle Allies at Macedonia, Is Belief.

Russia Destroyer Sinks Submarine in Black Sea.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—An offensive movement by the French, who have attacked the German lines at Hirsztstein, announced by German army headquarters in today's official statement. Details regarding the outcome of the attack are lacking, the statement adds.

Paris, Dec. 28.—An artillery engagement of great activity over the whole front in the Vosges was reported in the communication this afternoon from the war office.

The statement follows: "In the Vosges there is intense activity on the part of the artillery over the whole front. At Hartmanns-Weilkerkopf on the southeastern slope of the Vosges, the French have been attacking the German lines since December 26. The German army headquarters in today's official statement. Details regarding the outcome of the attack are lacking, the statement adds.

At Nevada, Mo., it was four degrees above; at Oklahoma City 20 and at Kansas City 12. Springfield, Mo., got four inches of snow, with a fall to 13 degrees.

One Above at Atchison. Atchison, Kan., Dec. 28.—One degree above zero was the temperature shown by the United States weather recording instrument here early today, the coldest morning of the winter.

First Snow in 20 Years. Laredo, Dec. 28.—Snow fell for an hour at Laredo, Tex., today, the first snow in the city for 20 years.

King Constantine of Greece, Whose Recent Interview With General Castellan of France Is Constructed by the French to Indicate His Sympathy Is With the Allies.

There were no events of importance along the front. Constantine Interview Favorable. "An interview between King Constantine and General Castellan is being reported by the French press. The king is said to have expressed his sympathy for the allies and his willingness to do all in his power to bring about a speedy end to the war."

BANDIT OWNS UP

Boy Admits Theft of Scores of Motor Cars.

Youths Committed Fifty Other Robberies and Holdups.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Confession that he was a member of a bandit gang of thirty youths who have committed fifty robberies, numerous holdups and a number of murders, was made today by a popular modern play actor, who has been charged with the murder of a woman.

"I am informed that the story has been made up of sensational news, and the fashion of Ben Hur," said Dr. Sheldon this noon in talking about the investigation of his son's part in the murder of a woman.

"I have been negotiating with New York people for some time about some of my other books and will go to New York after the first of the year personally to supervise the production of the stories."

\$3,000,000 NEW IRON

Texas Railroad Will Lay 261 Miles of 90-Pound Steel.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 28.—Plans for the laying of 261 track-miles of new iron rails for the Texas and New Orleans railroad, which has already been made, and the laying of these rails an expenditure totaling more than \$2,000,000, the company plans to spend \$3,000,000 in other advancement projects.

Hearings Before Senate Committee on Foot and Mouth Malady. Chicago, Dec. 28.—Hearings before the United States senate sub-committee on hoof and mouth disease, were opened here today. Senator William S. Kenyon, of Iowa, examined witnesses. The sub-committee, of which Senator Kenyon, Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, and Senator Thomas Gore, of Oklahoma, are members expects to conclude its country-wide investigation within a week.

The committee is seeking information on the source, causes, and proper methods of dealing with the plague.

MONOPOLY ON WHEAT

Hungarian Premier Wants Government to Grow All Grain.

London, Dec. 28.—Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, contemplates making the cultivation of wheat a state monopoly, according to the Budapest correspondent, who declares it is a desperate scheme, showing that national bankruptcy and ruin are not far distant.

The correspondent says that it seems incredible that the government should propose such a measure and the mere fact of its being proposed proves the gravity of the present situation.

Denies Motion to Quash Case of Rockefeller

New York, Dec. 28.—Judge Hunt denied today the motions of the thirty-five hours was set all over against William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, on trial charged with conspiracy to monopolize the transportation traffic of New England.

Judge Hunt also denied the motion to strike out the testimony relating to the Metropolitan steamship deals which involved Edward D. Robbins.

ZERO WEATHER

Fall of 20 Degrees Affects All Central States.

Touches Zero at Ottawa and Junction City, Kan.

ONE DEGREE ABOVE IN TEXAS

Missouri Gets 4-Inch Snowfall and "Four Above."

Cold Wave in Mo., Neb., Ia., Kan., Okla., and Texas.

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—A fall in temperature of 20 degrees during the thirty-five hours was set all over Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa and northern Texas, according to reports to the local weather bureau station today.

In the Texas "Pan Handle" country the mercury dropped to within a few degrees of zero. Ansnello reported a temperature there today of eight above. Junction City and Ottawa, Kan., had a zero reading early today, while Berkeley, Neb., reported the mercury at the same point.

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INTO THE MOVIES

Dr. Charles M. Sheldon's Stories to Appear on Screen.

"The Crucifixion of Philip Strong" Is the First.

The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, pastor of the Central Congregational church in Topeka, has been drafted into the ranks of moving picture writers. His story, "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong," has just been completed by the Edison company in New York City and will be released in similar form to the United States.

Dr. Sheldon plans to go to New York shortly after the first of the year to make arrangements with film companies for the production of "In His Steps" and others of his books. "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong" was written by Dr. Sheldon in 1893 and was read as a serial on Sunday evenings to the congregation of his church in Topeka. It was dramatized by Francis Neilson, an Englishman, who produced the piece in dramatic form at the Lyric theatre in London. Neilson, who is the author of "Butterfly on the Wheel," a popular modern play, arranged the film scenario of Dr. Sheldon's book.

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PREDICTS A BREAK SOON

Reply Due From Austria Will Rupture Diplomatic Relations.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Unconfirmed advice from Vienna, as published by the Petit Journal, says the impression prevails in Austria-Hungary government circles that the forthcoming reply to the second American note regarding the submarine issue will bring about a diplomatic rupture between the two nations.

According to the dispatch forwarded from Geneva says: "According to advices from Vienna, the Austro-Hungarian answer to the American note is the subject of a long discussion Sunday night between Premier Tisza of Hungary and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Baron von Burian. The foreign minister also conferred with Dr. C. T. Dumba, former Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Washington."

"Although no definite decision has yet been reached the impression in government circles is that the answer will bring about a diplomatic rupture."

Auto Accident Fatal. Jewel City, Kan., Dec. 28.—Orville Howe, well known here, has died from injuries received in an auto accident here several weeks ago. A wife and two children survive him.

Tungsten Ore Up Tenfold Since April

Builder, Colo., Dec. 28.—Competitive bidding bids brought offered \$48 and \$49 per unit for 68 per cent tungsten ore as compared with \$5 last April. At that time the first increase